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## ISICSB FirstNet Broadband Committee Meeting

Iowa Department of Public Safety (DPS)  
Ole O. Roe Learning Center (Room 122)  
215 E. 7<sup>th</sup> St., Des Moines, IA 50319  
Tuesday, August 13, 2019

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## FIRSTNET MEETING MINUTES

### Call to Order/Conference Line

Meeting called to order by Chair Bischof at 9:00 a.m.

Conference telephone line was open for public listening and committee members who were unable to attend.

**Committee Members Present:** Michele Bischof, Brian Blodgett, Blake DeRouchey, Chris Maiers, Curtis “Wally” Walser

**Committee Member Regrets:** Jason Hill

**Conference Line:** Jason Hoffman, Joel Rohne, Bob Younie, Rob Dehnert

**Committee Members Absent:** Eric Dau, Dennis Hart, Gerard Meyers, William McLain, Shawn Wagner, Jim Wittenwyler, Corey Trucke, Shawn Olson, Mike Jensen, Larry Smith, Steph Coffey

**Guest Attendees:** David Barnett, Hollie Davidson, Kyle Richardson

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## Welcome Remarks (Chair Bischof)

Chair Bischof welcomed the group and introductions of those present in-person and on the conference line were made.

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## Review Action Items from Previous Meeting

### a. Update on “Who’s on FirstNet” database (Brian Blodgett & Joel Rohne)

1. Joel Rohne and Brian Blodgett have created a database that includes the following fields: County/Town, Point of Contact (POC), POC Contact Information, FirstNet Usage Information, and a Comments section
2. Brian Blodgett asked for the FirstNet Committee’s assistance in filling in the data necessary for the database
3. Kyle Richardson will forward Brian Blodgett the information that he has access to regarding Iowa FirstNet users

### b. Distribution to committee members regarding AT&T subscriber paid promotions and FirstNet instructor-led training opportunities

1. Hollie Davidson has distributed this to the Committee members, and all have received the information
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## FirstNet Update (Kyle Richardson)

### a. Update Region VII

1. FirstNet Authority is continuously seeking feedback from users at Iowa agency levels
  2. FirstNet has released a public version of the FirstNet Roadmap
  3. FirstNet outreach planning is ongoing
  4. There is a Kansas Statewide FirstNet Forum in November, and all Iowa FirstNet Committee members are welcome to attend
  5. There was discussion regarding CyberSecurity issues
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## AT&T Update (David Barnett)

David Barnett introduced himself as the new AT&T/FirstNet Representative for the State of Iowa and encouraged the group to reach out to him as needed.

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## SWIC Report – (Chris Maiers)

SWIC Maiers reported that he recently attended a conference in Little Rock, Arkansas where discussions with other state SWICs took place regarding the handling of FirstNet levels of interoperability.

SWIC Maiers recently met with the new AT&T Representative David Barnett and discussed the goals and objectives of the FirstNet Committee. Mr. Barnett plans to continuously provide the FirstNet Committee with a coverage map for current and future buildouts within a 60-day time frame.

The Committee discussed the issue of an AT&T/FirstNet Representative attending and providing updates at the ISICSB board meetings each month. SWIC Maiers suggested there be an AT&T Representative available to call into the ISICSB board meetings quarterly to give a progress report.

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## Questions/Comments

Discussion ensued regarding a visit to the FirstNet Lab in Boulder, Colorado. The following FirstNet Committee members volunteered to attend: Chair Bischof, Vice-Chair Jason Hoffman, SWIC Maiers, Deputy SWIC Walser, Joel Rohne, and Brian Blodgett. Kyle Richardson will assist the Committee with planning a customized agenda for the group while visiting the lab. The date is TBD.

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There was a lengthy discussion regarding misinformation about FirstNet from other competing cell phone companies and how to address these issues through FirstNet education and outreach opportunities. The main AT&T selling issues relate to the AT&T service quality and hand-off availability in the specific agency locations.

Kyle Richardson suggested that the agencies report the issues and the problems are addressed by AT&T/FirstNet. He also suggests downloading the FirstNet Assist App in the application catalog.

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## New Action Items

1. Establish a date for Webinar
  2. Continue planning for FirstNet Boulder Lab tour
  3. Further discussion regarding cybersecurity
  4. Kyle Richardson will distribute information regarding FirstNet Assist App.
  5. Continue development of “Who’s on FirstNet” database
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## Next Meeting

**Tuesday, September 10, 2019, @ 9:00 am**

**Location:** Iowa Department of Public Safety (DPS)  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room 125  
215 E. 7th St., Des Moines, IA 50319

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## Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.